

Probabilistic Linkage of Vital Event Records in Scotland using Familial Groups

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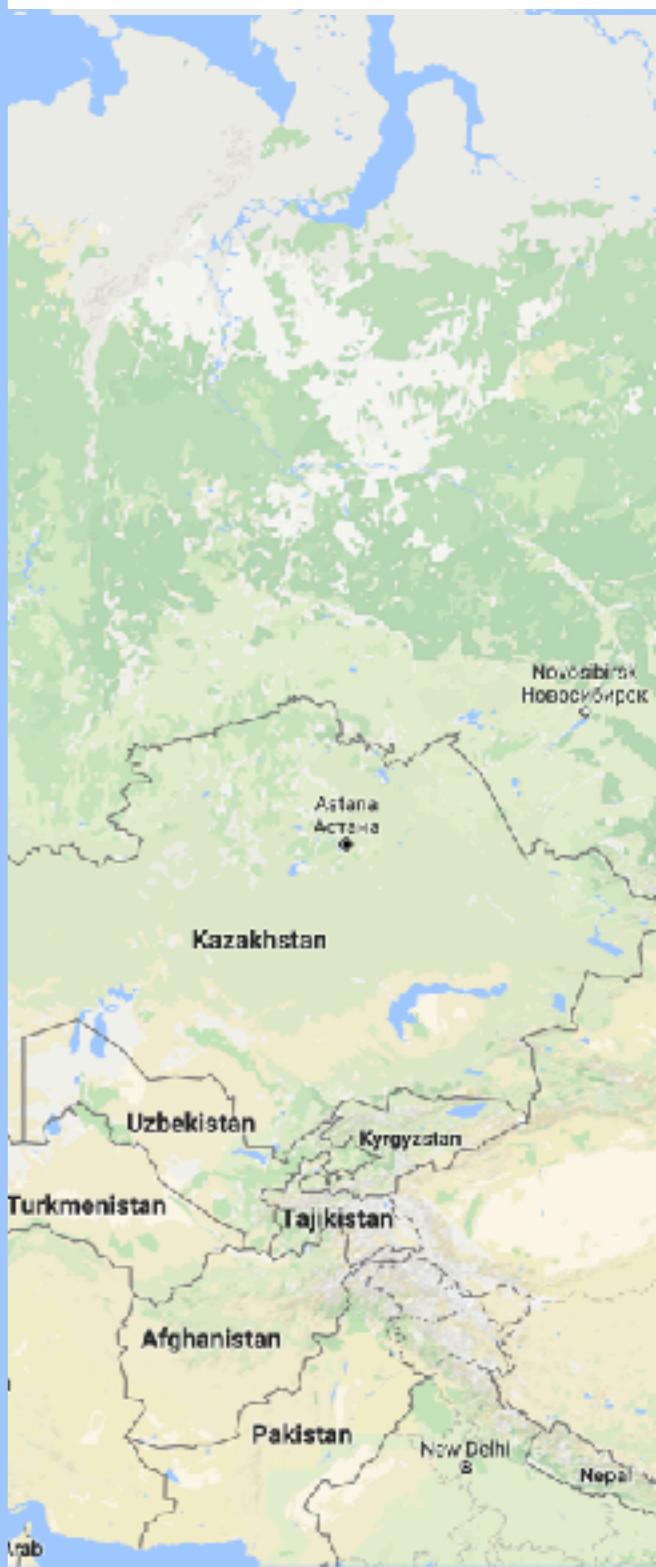
- Context: ADRN, ADRC-S, Digitising Scotland
- Linkage: The Standard Way
- This work is exploratory
- Key Points
 - Forming Conjugal Family Units (CFUs)
 - instead of linking individuals
 - Using high-dimensional similarity search (M-Tree)
 - instead of blocking
- Results

Digitising Scotland

- Digitise the 24 million Scottish vital events record images (births, marriages and deaths) since 1855.
- This will allow research access to individual-level information on some 18 million individuals - a large proportion of those who have lived in Scotland since 1855.
- Establish links between related records to determine genealogical structures.







Probabilistic Data Linkage

- Task: Find records that refer to the same entity across different data sources
- Abundance of data
- Lack of unique IDs (in general)
- Enables
 - Answering some interesting questions
 - Potentially effecting policy decisions
 - Direct/Indirect cost savings
 - (direct: avoiding a full census)

Probabilistic linkage algorithms: How do they work

- Similarity metric between pairs of individuals on records
- Compare candidate pairs
- Threshold for definite-links
- Threshold for definite-nonlinks
- Everything in the middle: clerical review
- Feedback
 - In the form of adjusting the similarity metric or thresholds
- Done!

Problems

- Similarity metric
- Too many pairwise comparisons
- Thresholds
- Evaluation
- Historical data

Data for this experiment

- We use two manually-linked data sets
 - Isle of Skye
 - 17613 birth records
 - 12285 death records
 - 2669 marriage records
 - Kilmarnock
 - 38431 birth records
 - 23715 death records
 - 8654 marriage records
- Digitising Scotland: all the vital events recorded in Scotland between 1855 and 1977

Data for this experiment



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Data for this experiment

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Birth records

- 1. Unique 'Record' Identifier
- 2. Child's surname
- 3. Child's Forename
- 4. Sex
- 5. Year of Registration
- 6. Registration District Number
- 7. Registration District Suffix
- 8. Entry
- 9. Birth Day
- 10. Birth Month
- 11. Birth Year
- 12. Mother's Maiden Surname
- 13. Birth Address
- 14. Father's Forename
- 15. Father's Surname
- 16. Father's Occupation
- 17. Mother's Forename
- 18. Mother's Surname
- 19. Parent's Day of Marriage
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- 21. Parent's Year of Marriage
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BIRTHS in the District of Wilton in the County of Roxburgh

No.	(1.) Name and Surname	(2.) When and Where Born.	(3.) Sex.	(4.) Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	(5.) Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	(6.) When and Where Re and Signature of R
10	Frank Rutherford McCartney	1895. January Seventh. 6h. 15m. P.M. 4 Howlands Terrace Wilton	M.	James Mc Cartney, Frame-work-Knitter — Agnes Mc Cartney M. S. Pirnie 1876 Nov. 9 th North Leith	James Mc Cartney Father (Present)	1895. January At Wilton James Shiel
11	Walter McCartney	1895. January Seventh. 6h. 15m. P.M. 4 Howlands Terrace Wilton	F.	James Mc Cartney, Frame-work-Knitter — Agnes Mc Cartney, M. S. Pirnie 1876 Nov. 9 th North Leith	James Mc Cartney Father (Present)	1895. January At Wilton James Shiel
12	Andrew Blyth Oliver	1895. January Twentieth. 11h. 40m. P.M. 12 Wellington Street, Wilton	M.	Francis Oliver, Painter (Journeymen) — Catherine Oliver, M. S. Welsh 1894 April 27 th Hawick	Francis Oliver Father (Present)	1895. January 2 At Wilton James Shiel

Death Records

- 1. Unique 'Record' Identifier
- 2. Surname
- 3. Forename
- 4. Sex
- 5. Year of Registration
- 6. Registration District Number
- 7. Registration District Suffix
- 8. Entry
- 9. Death Month
- 10. Death Day
- 11. Death Year
- 12. Age at Death
- 13. Date of Birth
- 14. Occupation
- 15. Marital Status
- 16. Spouse's Name(s)
- 17. Spouse's Occupation(s)
- 18. Place of Death
- 19. Father's Forename
- 20. Father's Surname
- 21. Father's Occupation
- 22. Father Deceased
- 23. Mother's Forename
- 24. Mother's Maiden Surname
- 25. Mother Deceased
- 26. Cause of Death
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DEATHS in the District of Drainie in the County of Moray.

(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	
No.	Name and Surname. Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	Where and When Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature and Qualifications of Informant, and Residence, if out of the Union in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered and Signature of Registrar.
1	Margaret Mary Leslie	1930, January Ninth 5h. om. P.M. Lurethillack Drainie	F	3 months	William Watt Leslie Farm Servant Margaret Helen Leslie Mrs. Stuart	Chronic Enteritis Pneumonia As Certified by Gordon Thorpe M.B.B.S.	Isabella Stewart Aunt Hinkfield Farm Elgin 'Present'	1930. January 10 Loriemouth J.A.Peterkin Registrar
2	Jessie Mitchell Fishworker Single	1930, January Nineteenth 9h. 30m. P.M. 6 King Street, Loriemouth	F	70 years	Robert Mitchell Fisherman (Deceased) Jessie Mitchell Mrs. Stewart (Deceased)	Angina Pectoris As Certified by Thomas Brandon M.B.B.M.	Joseph Main Son-in-law 1a Argyle Street, Loriemouth 'Present'	1930. January 20 Loriemouth J.A.Peterkin Registrar
3	James Flinton Farmer (retired)	1930, January Thirtieth 9h. 45m. A.M. widower of 1st Barbara Minty 2nd Charlotte Minty	M	75 years	James Flinton Farmer (Deceased) Isabella Flinton Mrs. Flinton (Deceased)	Carcinoma Oesophagus in Stomach about 1 year Secondary nodules As Certified by A. T. Barclay F.R.C.S.P.Ed.	William Thomson Son-in-law Loriemouth 'Present'	1930. January 30 Loriemouth J.A.Peterkin Registrar

Marriage records

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| 1. Unique 'Record' Identifier | 17. Groom's occupation | 29. Groom Father Occupation |
| 2. Groom's Surname | 18. Groom's marital status | 30. Bride Father's Forename |
| 3. Groom's Forename | 19. Bride's address | 31. Bride Father's Surname |
| 4. Bride Surname | 20. Bride's age or date of birth | 32. Bride Father Deceased |
| 5. Bride Forename | 21. Bride's occupation | 33. Bride Mother's Forename |
| 6. Marriage Day | 22. Bride's marital status | 34. Bride Mother's Maiden Surname |
| 7. Marriage Month | 23. Groom Father's Forename | 35. Bride Mother Deceased |
| 8. Marriage Year | 24. Groom Father's Surname | 36. Bride Father Occupation |
| 9. Place of Marriage | 25. Groom Father Deceased | 37. Groom did not Sign |
| 10. Year of Registration | 26. Groom Mother's Forename | 38. Bride did not Sign |
| 11. Registration District Number | 27. Groom Mother's Maiden Surname | |
| 12. Registration District Suffix | 28. Groom mother Deceased | |
| 13. Entry | | |
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| 15. Groom's address | | |
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3. MARRIAGES in the District of Perth in the County of Perth.

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, Whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signatures of officiating Minister and Witness. If irregular, Date of Conviction, Decree of Divorcior, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & N and Signs
1903.	William Dundas Clark on the Twenty-ninth Aerated Water Bottler day of July at 14 Tay Street, Perth. By declaration in presence of Kate Smith, Assistant Domestic Servant 4 South Street Perth. and Henry Clark Butcher, 26 New Row, Perth.	William Dundas Clark (Bachelor)	28	15 Canal Street, Perth.	William Clark Railway Engine Driver Elizabeth Clark M. S. Moir (dec)	Warrant of Sheriff - - Substitute of Forthshire dated 29th July 1903.	19
1911	Frances McAll Loring Smith, Dresser 4 South Street Perth. and Henry Clark Butcher, 26 New Row, Perth.	Mary McAll Loring (Spinster)	23	Almond Villa Glasgow Road, Perth.	David Lotimer Mason (dec)	J. R. J. R. J. R. J. R.	J. R. J. R.
1903.	(Signed) on the Thirtieth day of July at 52 South Street, Perth.	J. Forde Tunnel Miner (Bachelor)	82	South Street, Perth.	Maurice Forde Miner Mary Forde M. S. Connell (dec)	(Signed) James H. Cameron Minister. (Signed)	19
1922	After Banns According to the forms of the United Free Church of Scotland.	(Signed) Mary Croll (Widow)	82	30 South Street, Perth.	Alexander Cumming Chemist's Porter Mary Cumming M. S. Gow (dec)	Tom Baker Witness. Ann Malloch Witness.	J. R. J. R.

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Our Approach: Key Points

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Forming CFUs

- Conjugal Family Units (CFUs)
- Inspiration: Demographers
- Form families directly
 - Sibling groups
 - Identified by the names of the parents
 - and their date & place of marriage

Forming CFUs

Birth	Marriage	Death
Father's Forename	Groom's Forename	Father's Forename
Father's Surname	Groom's Surname	Father's Surname
Mother's Forename	Bride's Forename	Mother's Forename
Mother's Surname	Bride's Surname	Mother's Surname
Parent's Date of Marriage	Date of Marriage	
Parent's Place of Marriage	Place of Marriage	

Our Approach: Steps

- Forming sibling groups (Birth – Birth)
 - Link people whose parents are the same
- Associating the marriage (Birth – Marriage)
 - Construct phantom marriage records for each birth
 - Find the closest real marriage record
- Linking death events into familial groups
 - Harder since date and place of marriage are missing
- Inter-generational linkage
 - Marriage – Birth (using phantom Birth records)
 - Marriage – Death (using phantom Death records)
 - Marriage – Marriage (using phantom Marriage records, using groom's parents and bride's parents)

Algorithm

- Construct Birth M-Tree
- For each birth record
 - Find the nearest neighbour (M-Tree)
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 - Merge families
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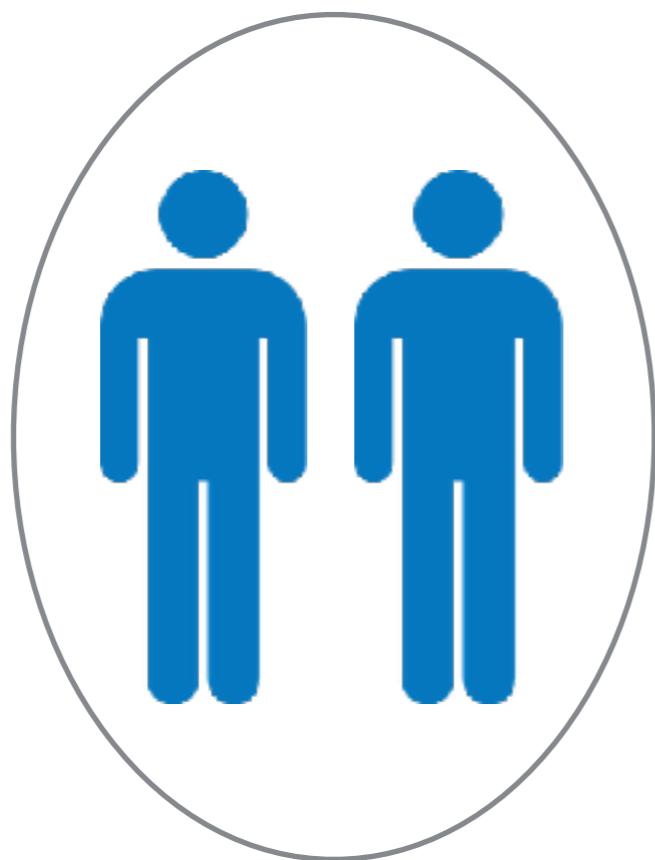
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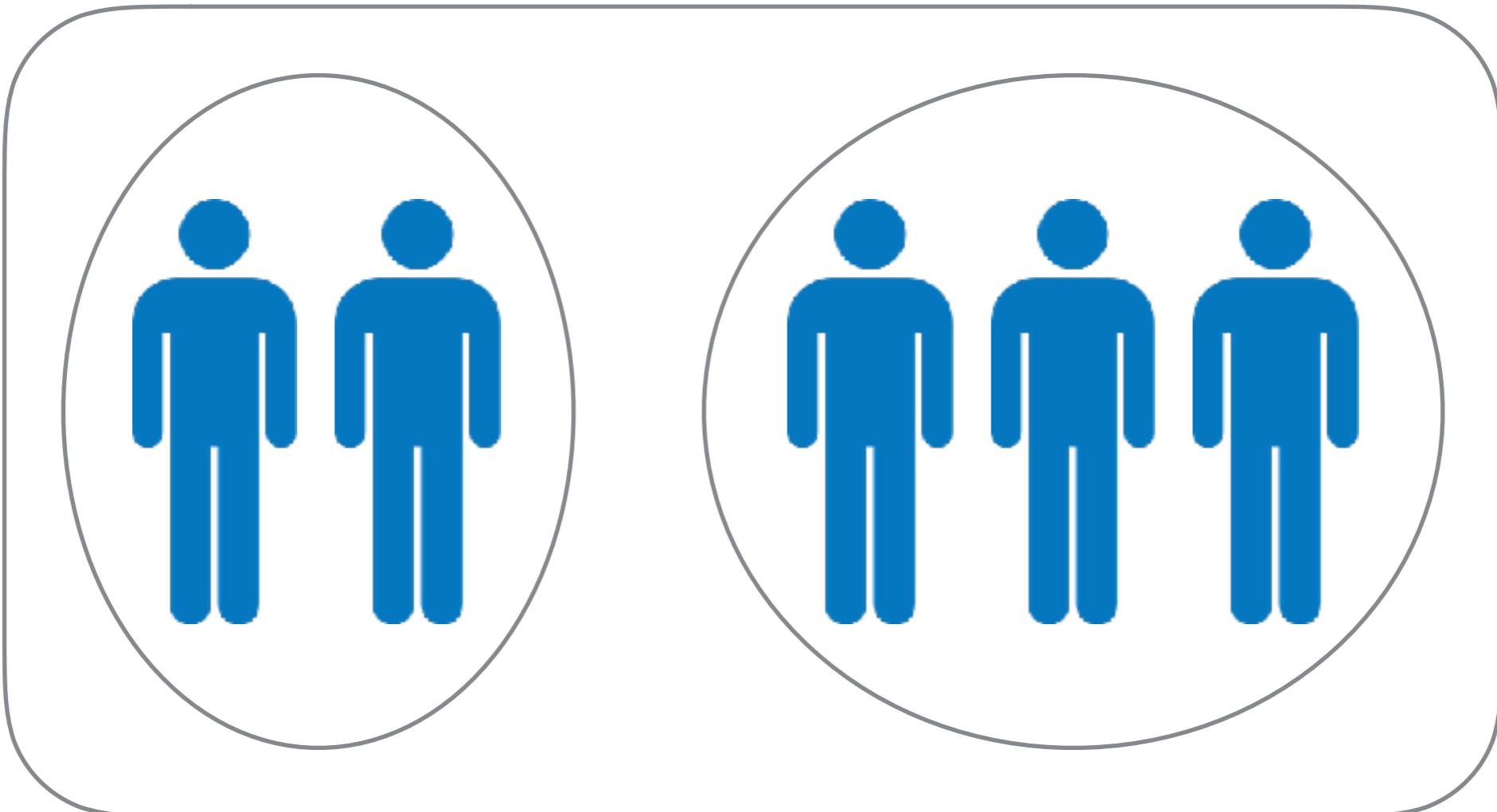
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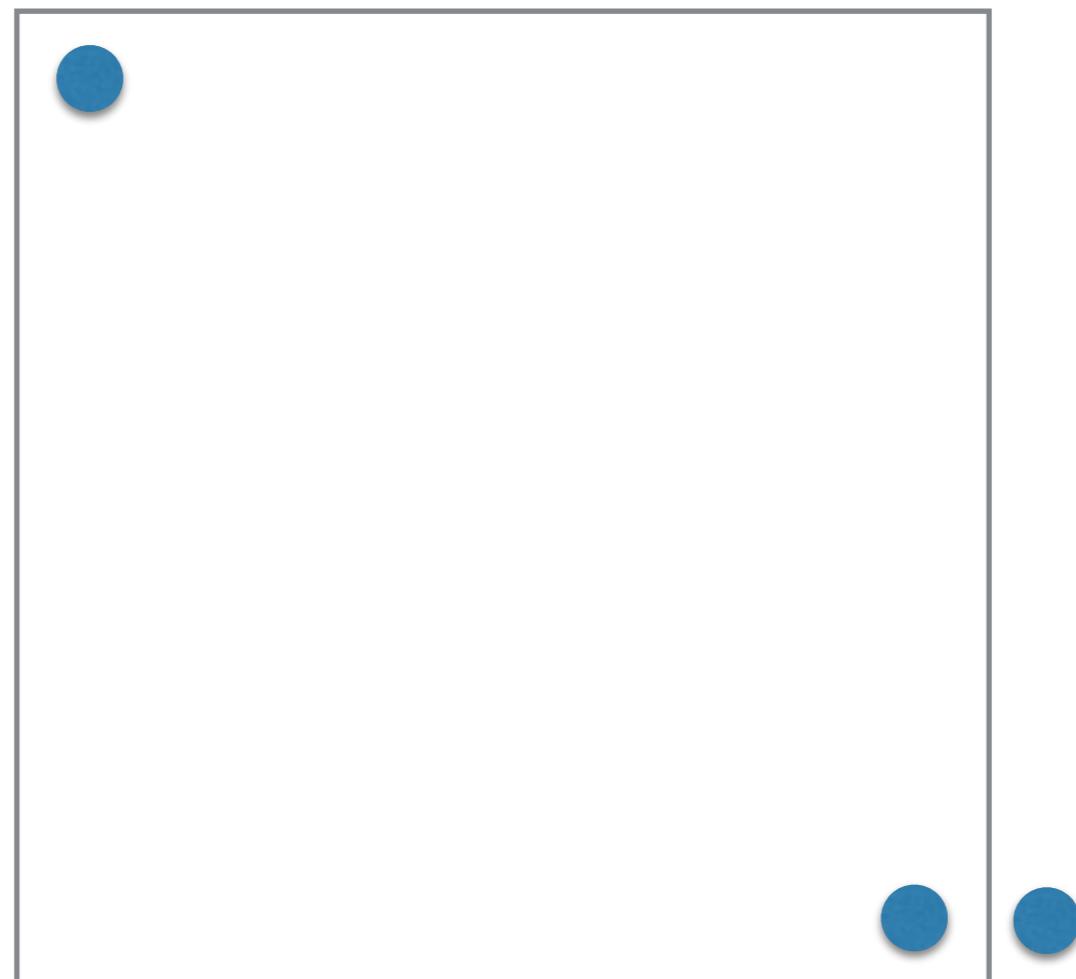
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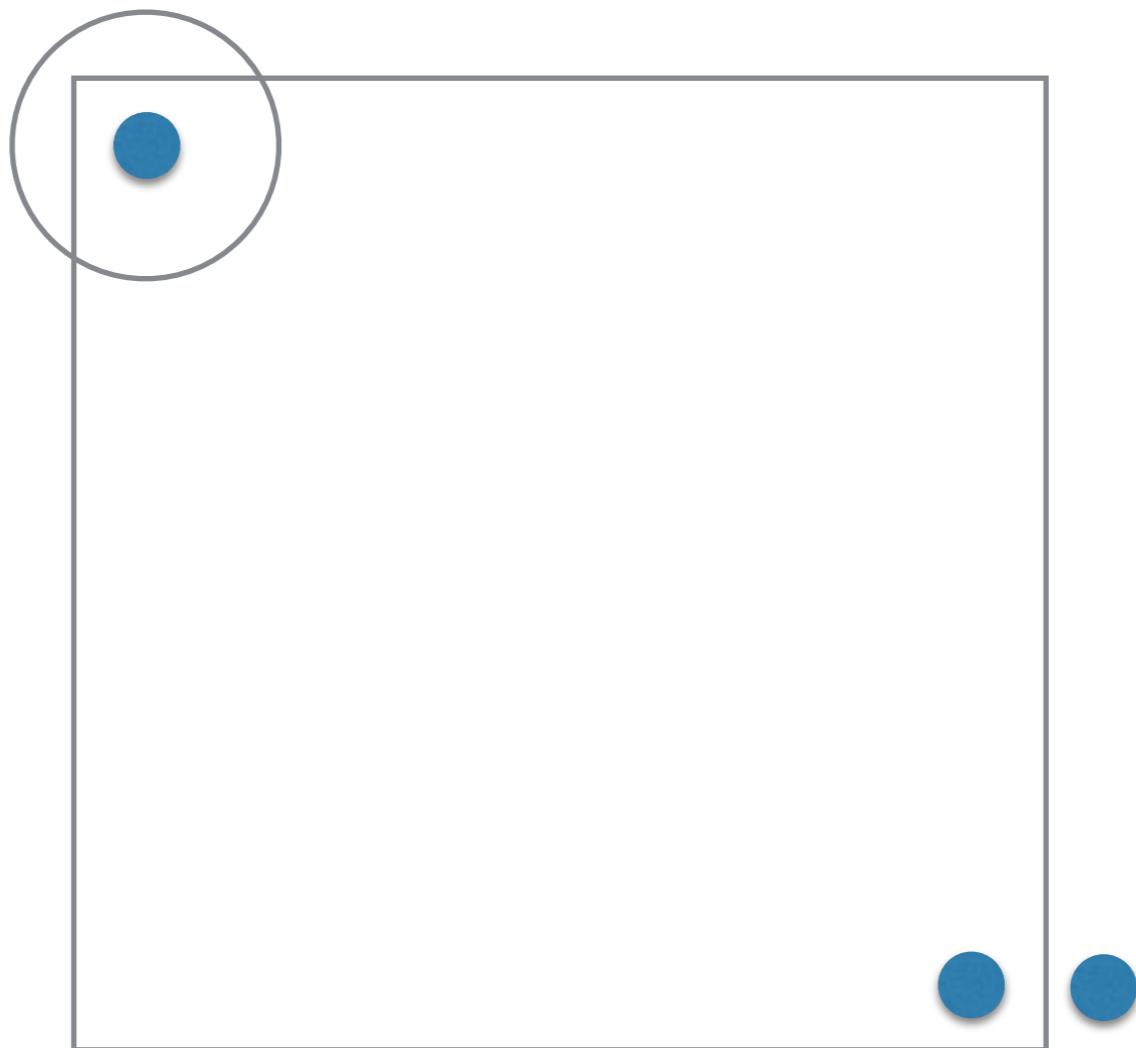
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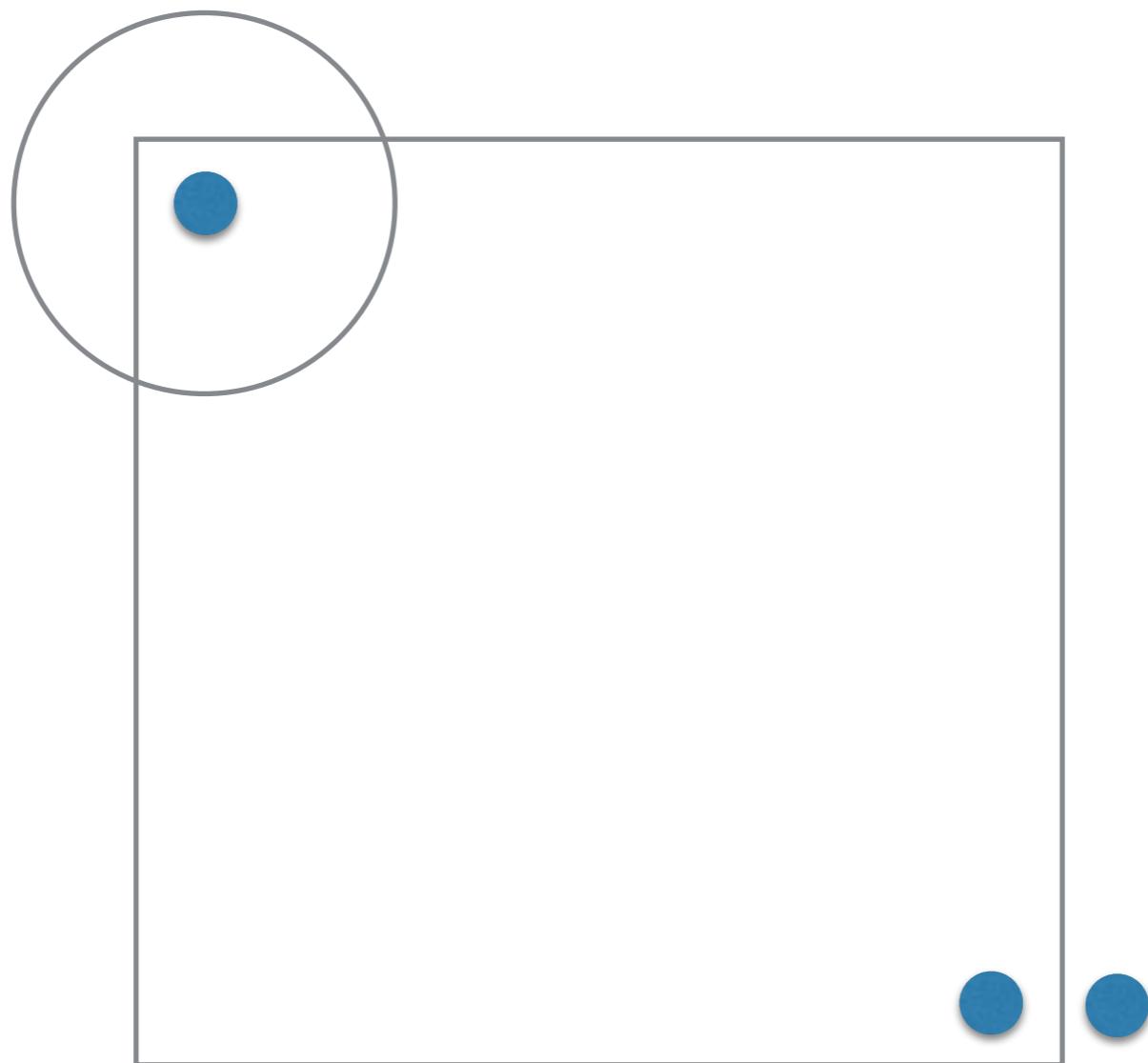
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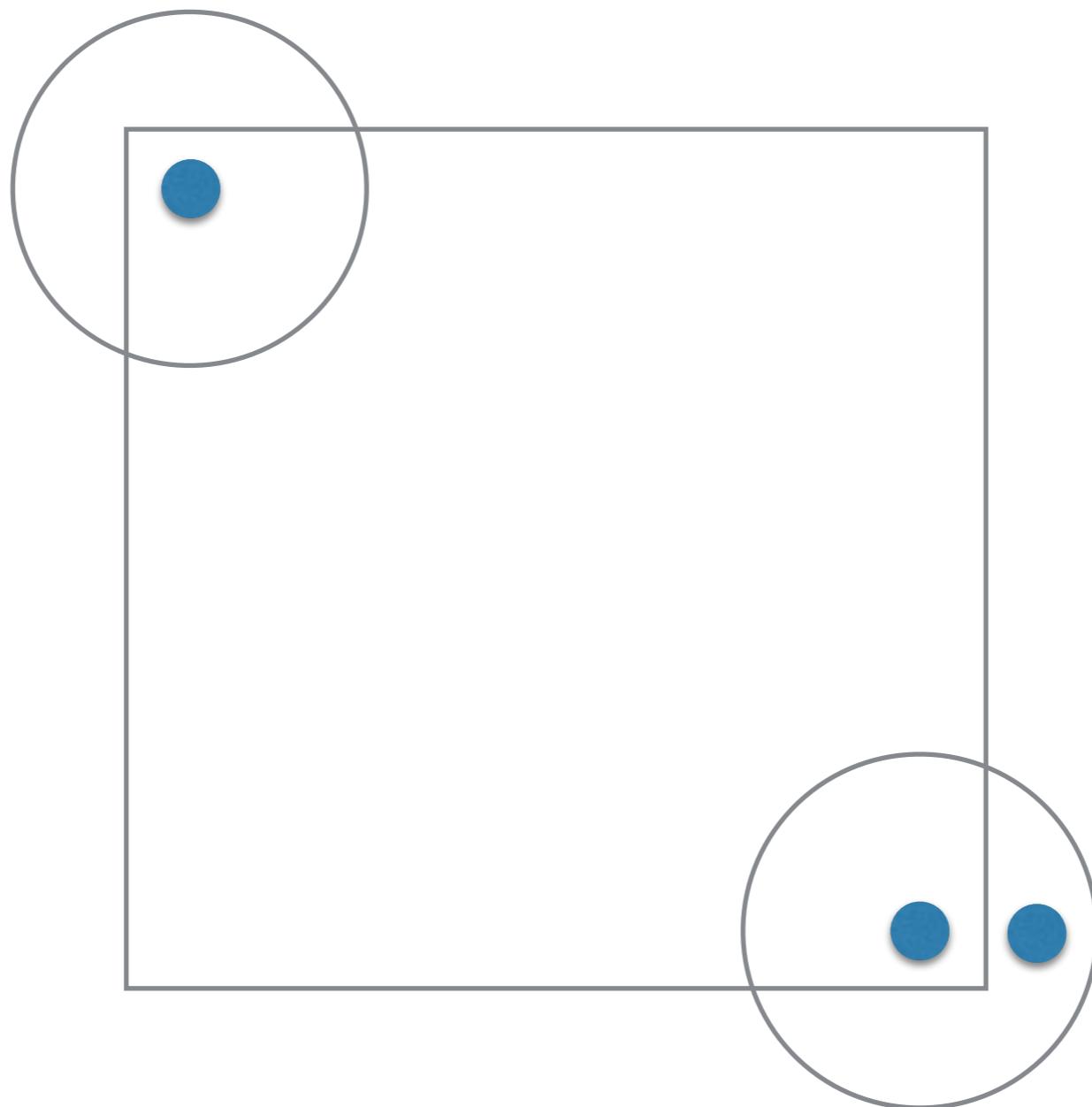
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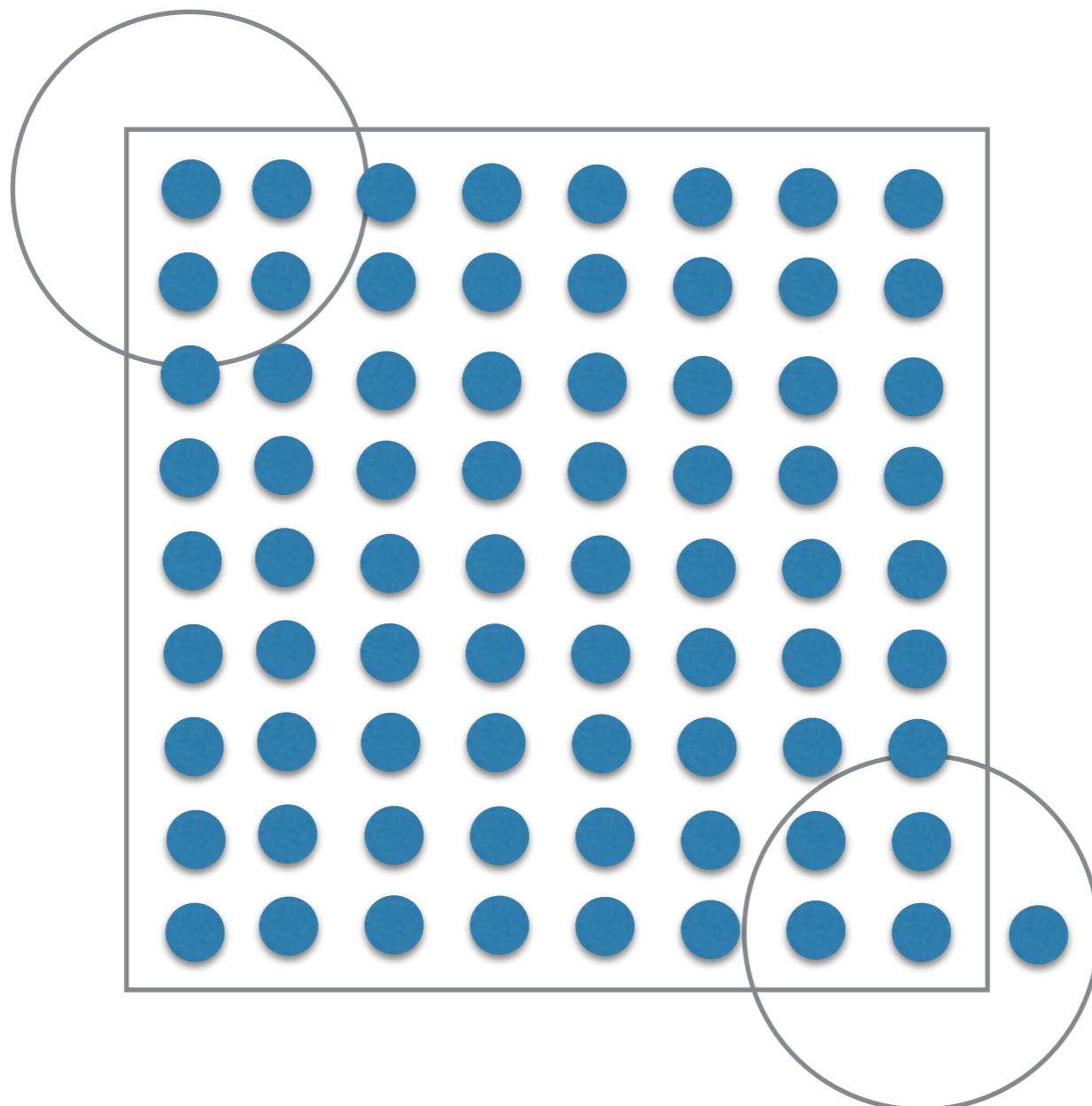
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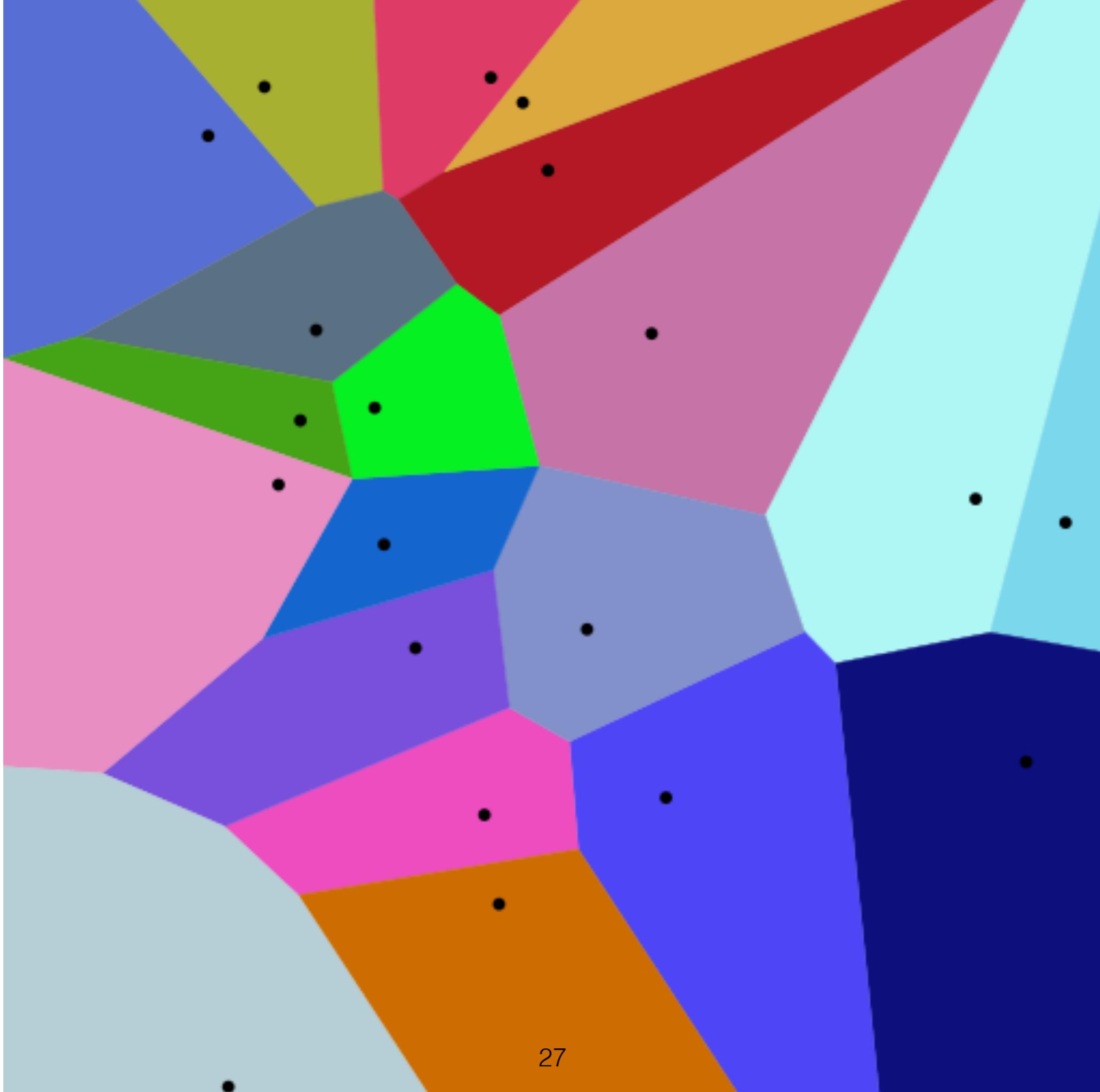


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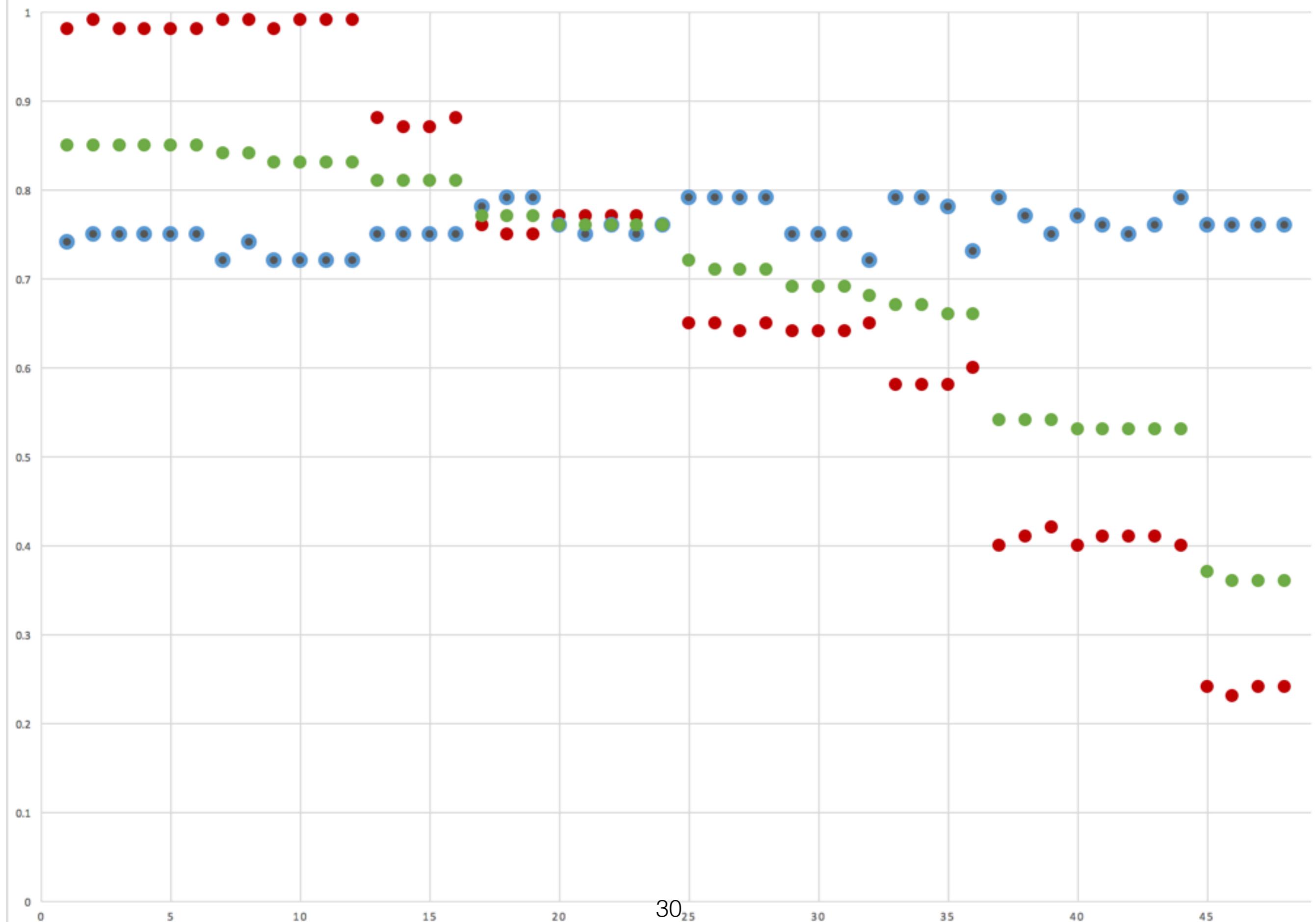
Exploratory Results

- We used Levenshtein as the distance metric
- We explored
 - Key fields
 - FFN-FLN-MFN-MLN
 - FFN-FLN-MFN-MLN-DOM-POM
 - Original/Clean fields
 - Thresholds
 - Family forming distance (3, 7, 9, 16)
 - Maximum family size (5, 10, 20)
 - Family merge distance (3, 7, 9, 16)

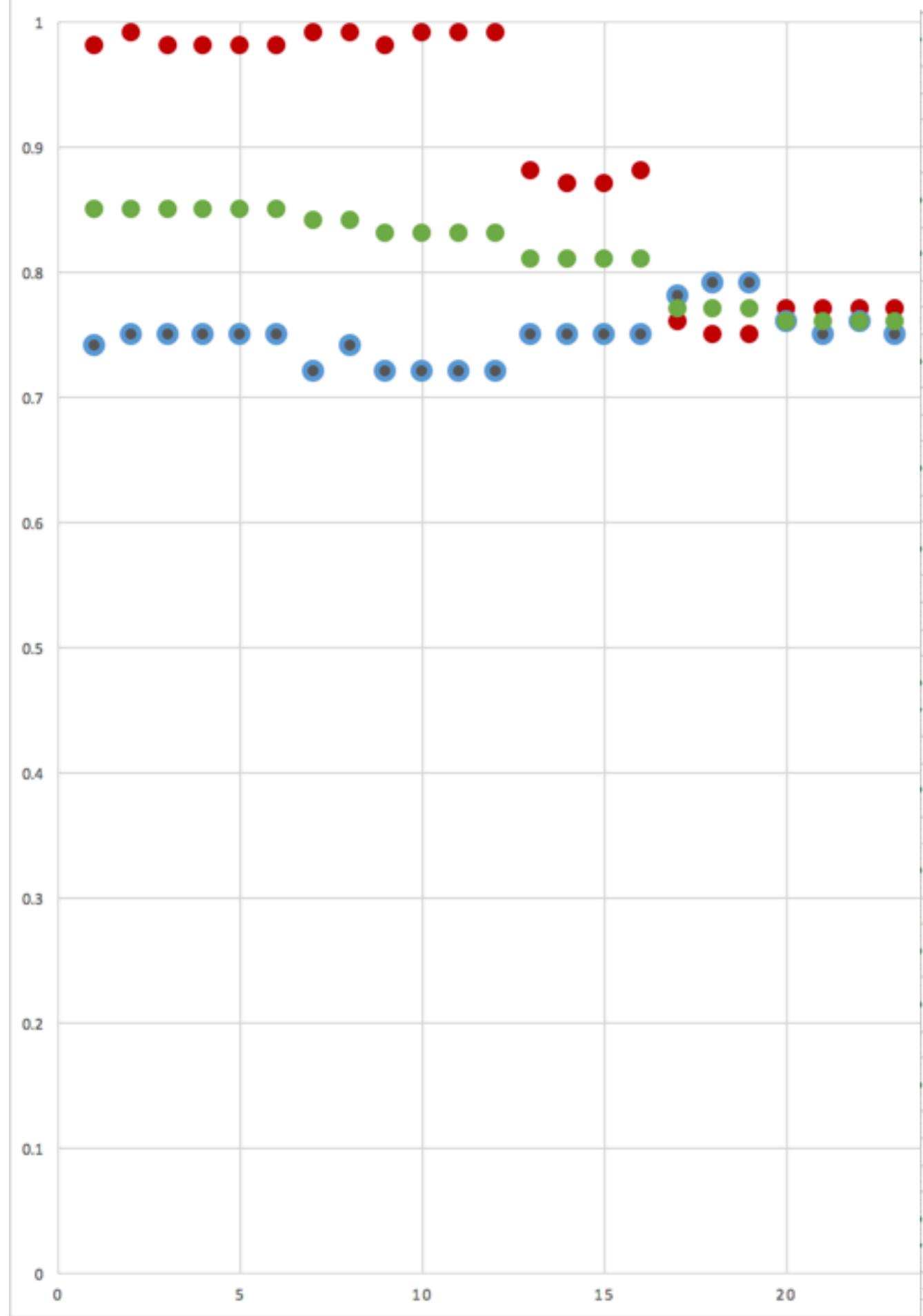
Linkage Quality

- Precision = $TP / (TP + FP)$
 - When we claim a link, how often are we right?
 - Perfect precision: find 1 correct link
- Recall = $TP / (TP + FN)$
 - How complete are we?
 - Perfect recall: claim everything is a link!
- F Measure = $2 * \text{Precision} * \text{Recall} / (\text{Precision} + \text{Recall})$

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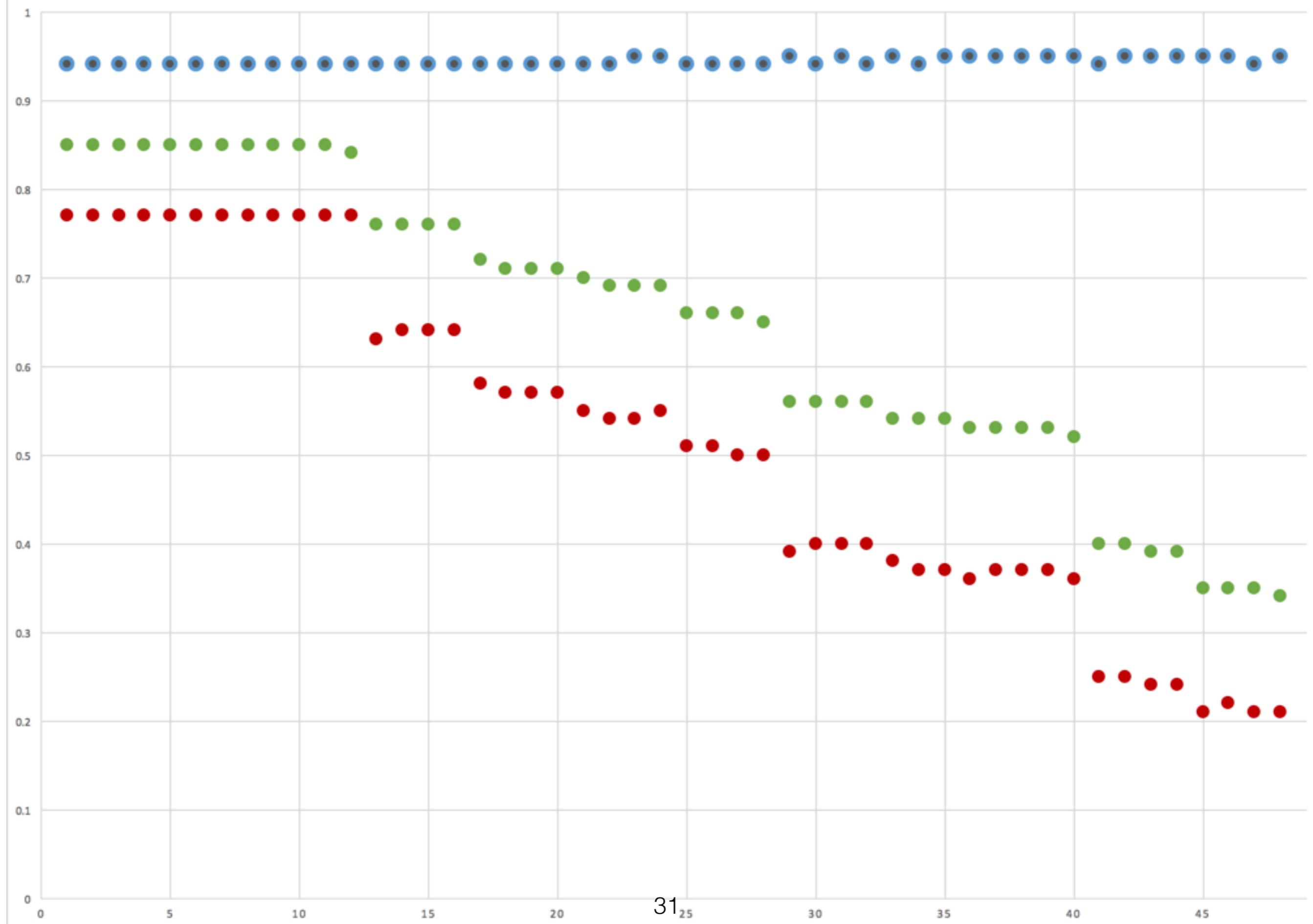


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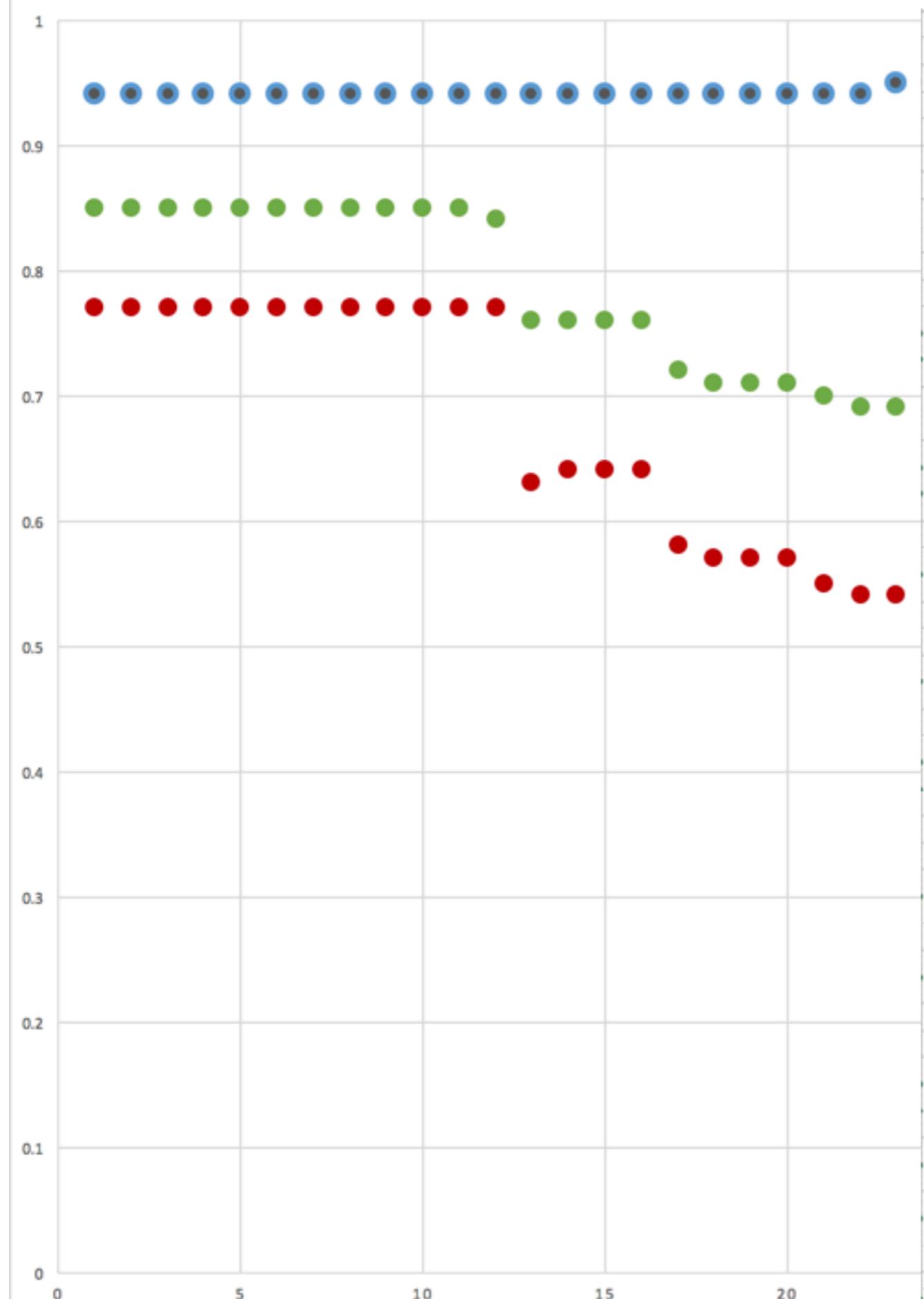


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kilmarnock	NamesOriginal	3	20	3	0.98	0.75	0.85
kilmarnock	NamesOriginal	7	20	3	0.98	0.75	0.85
kilmarnock	NamesOriginal	9	10	3	0.98	0.75	0.85
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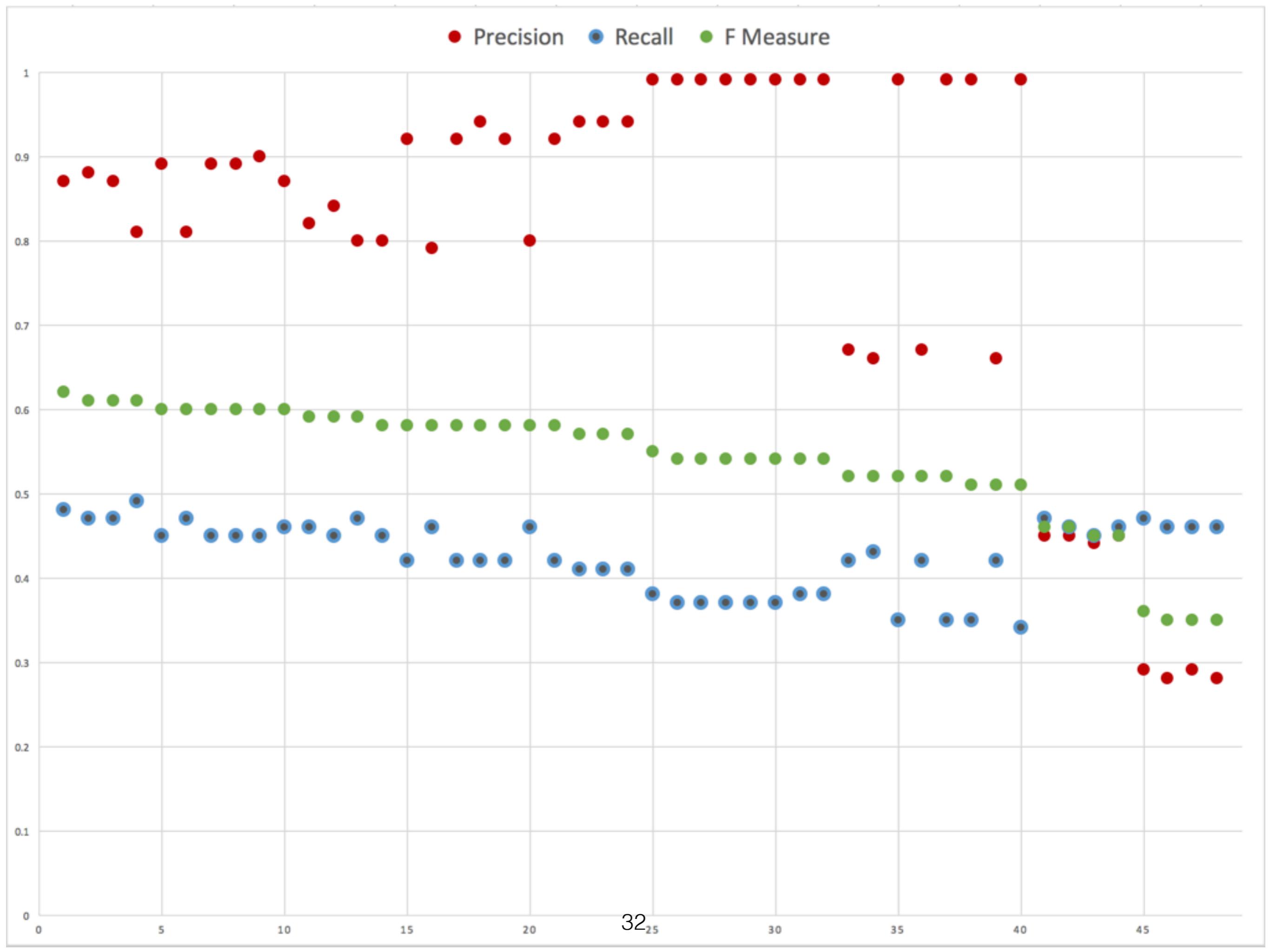
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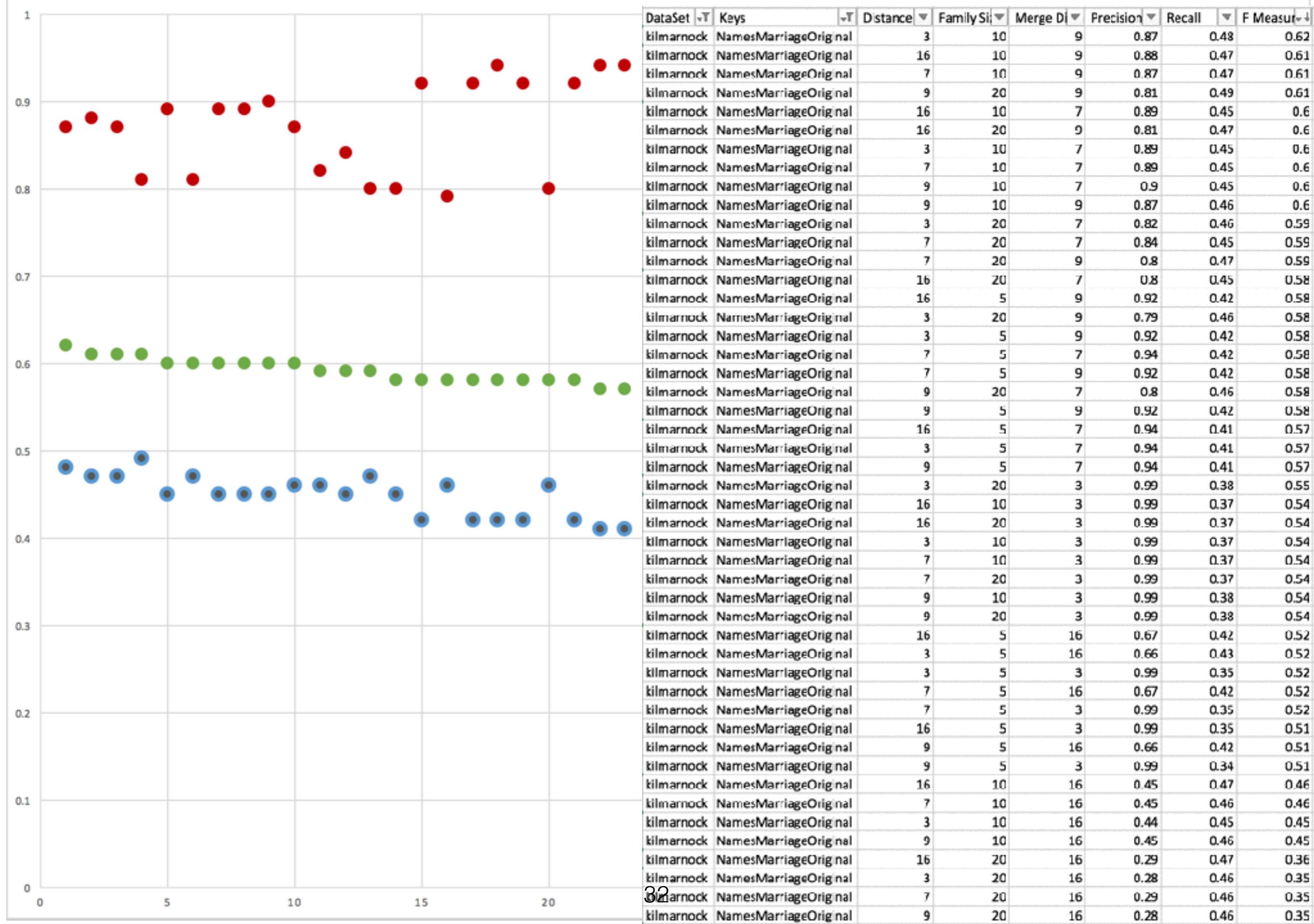
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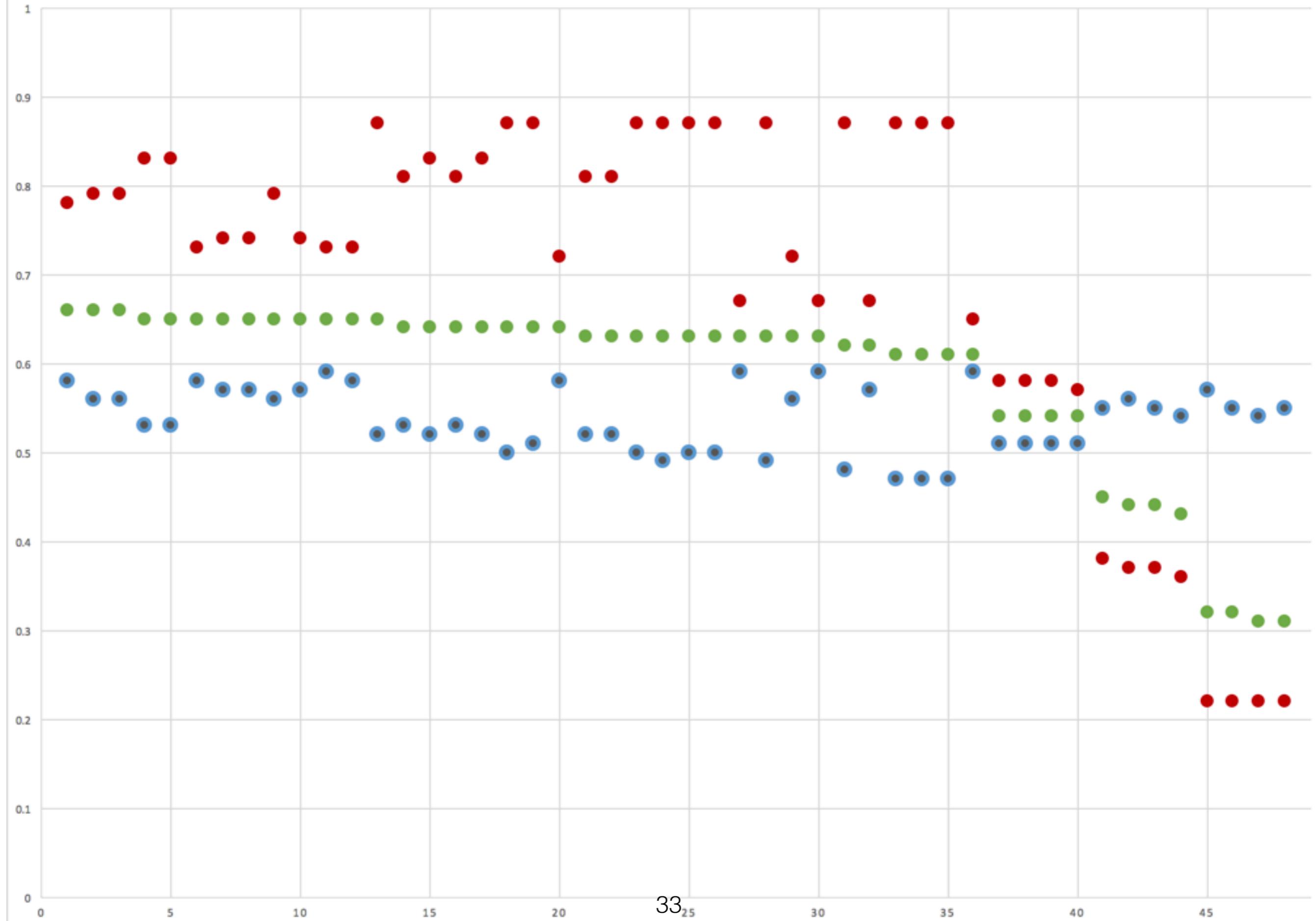
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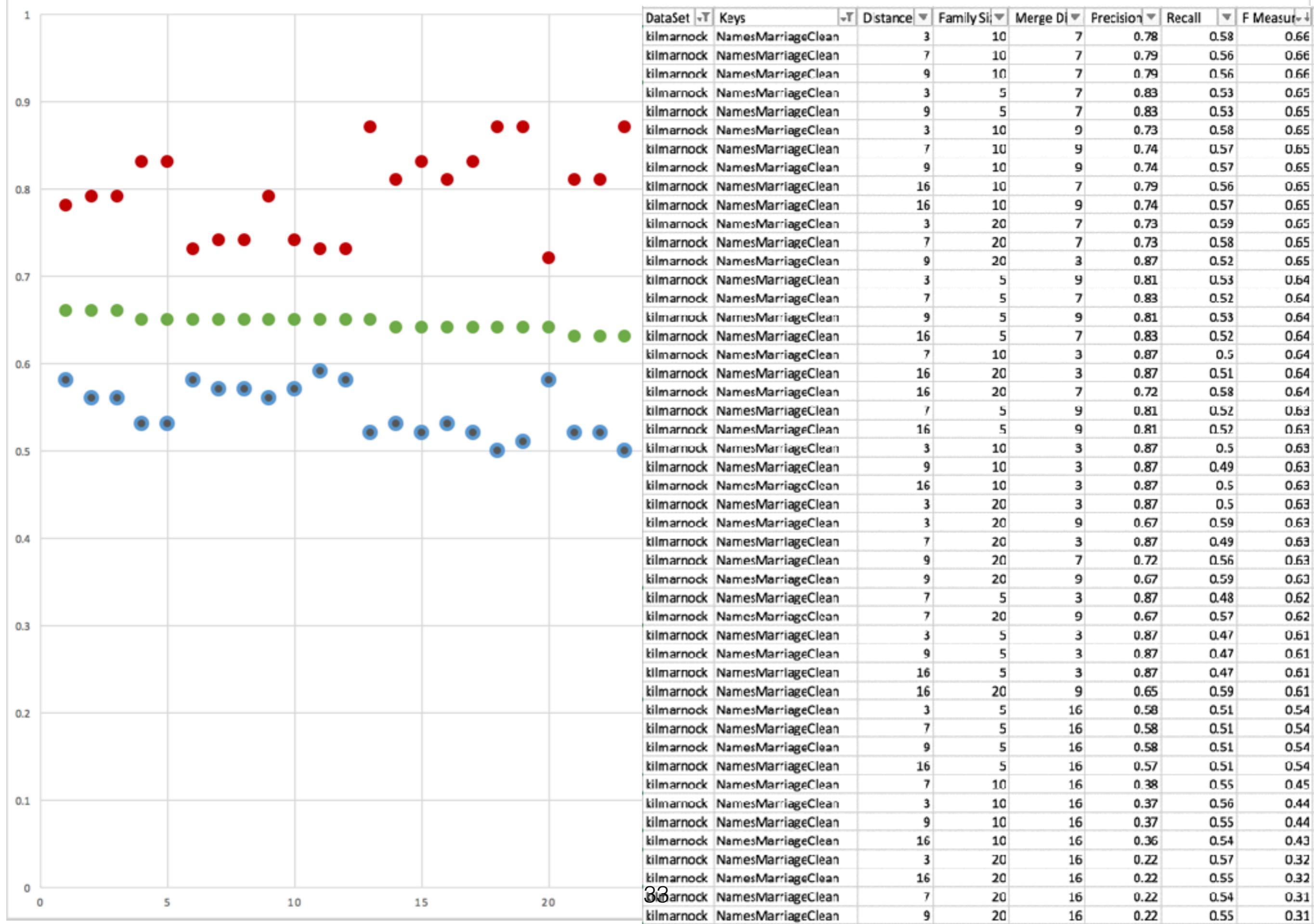
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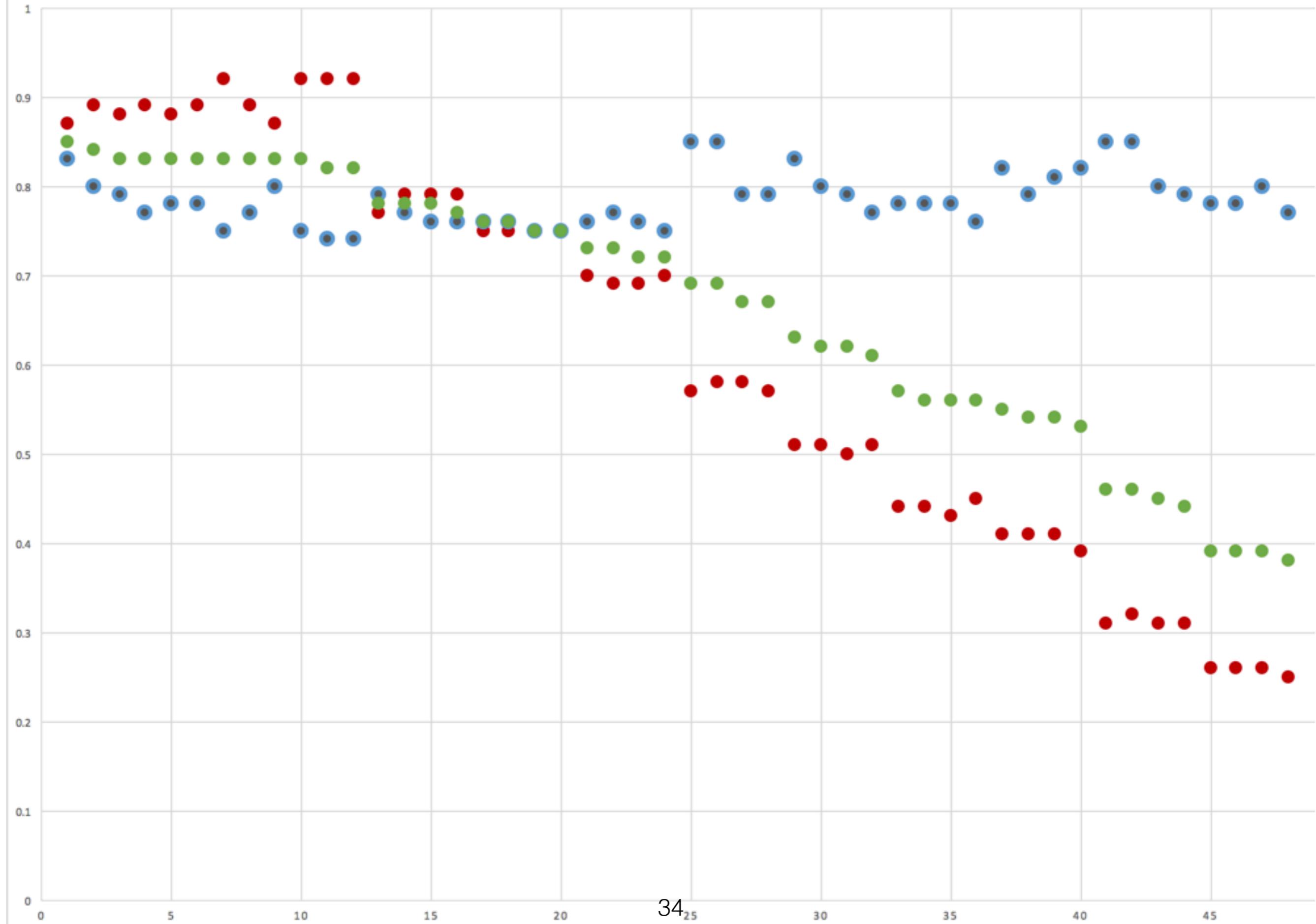
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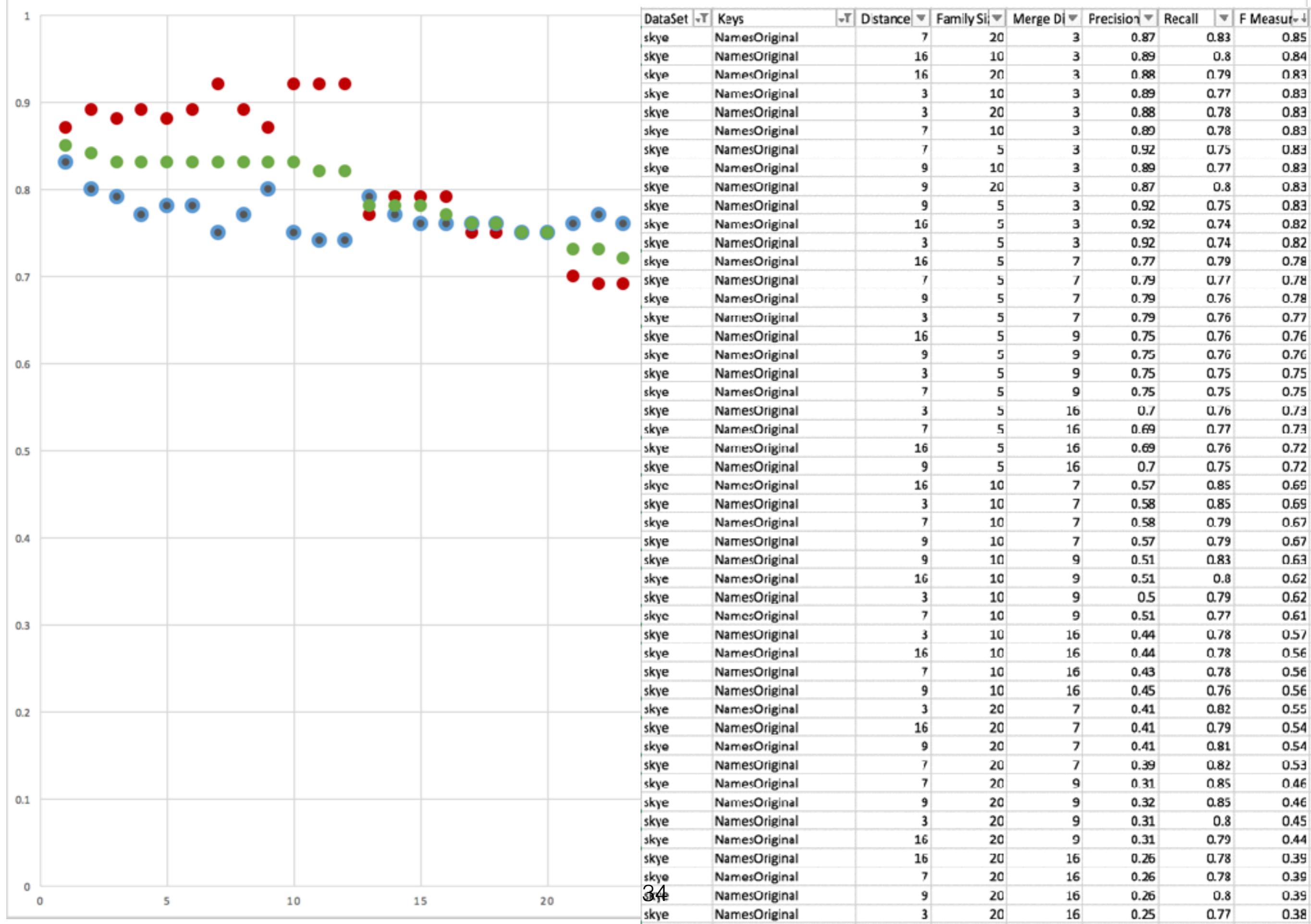
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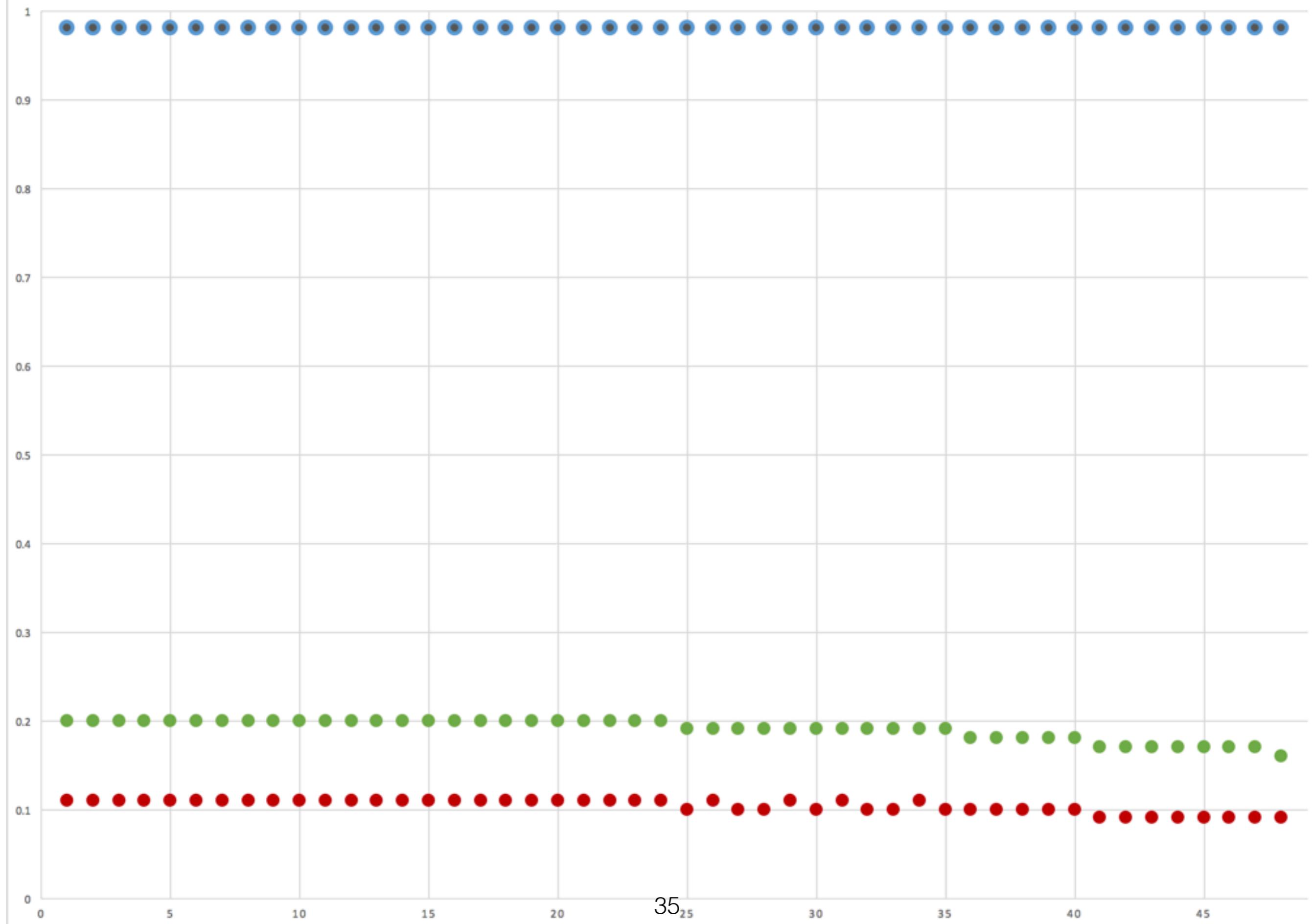
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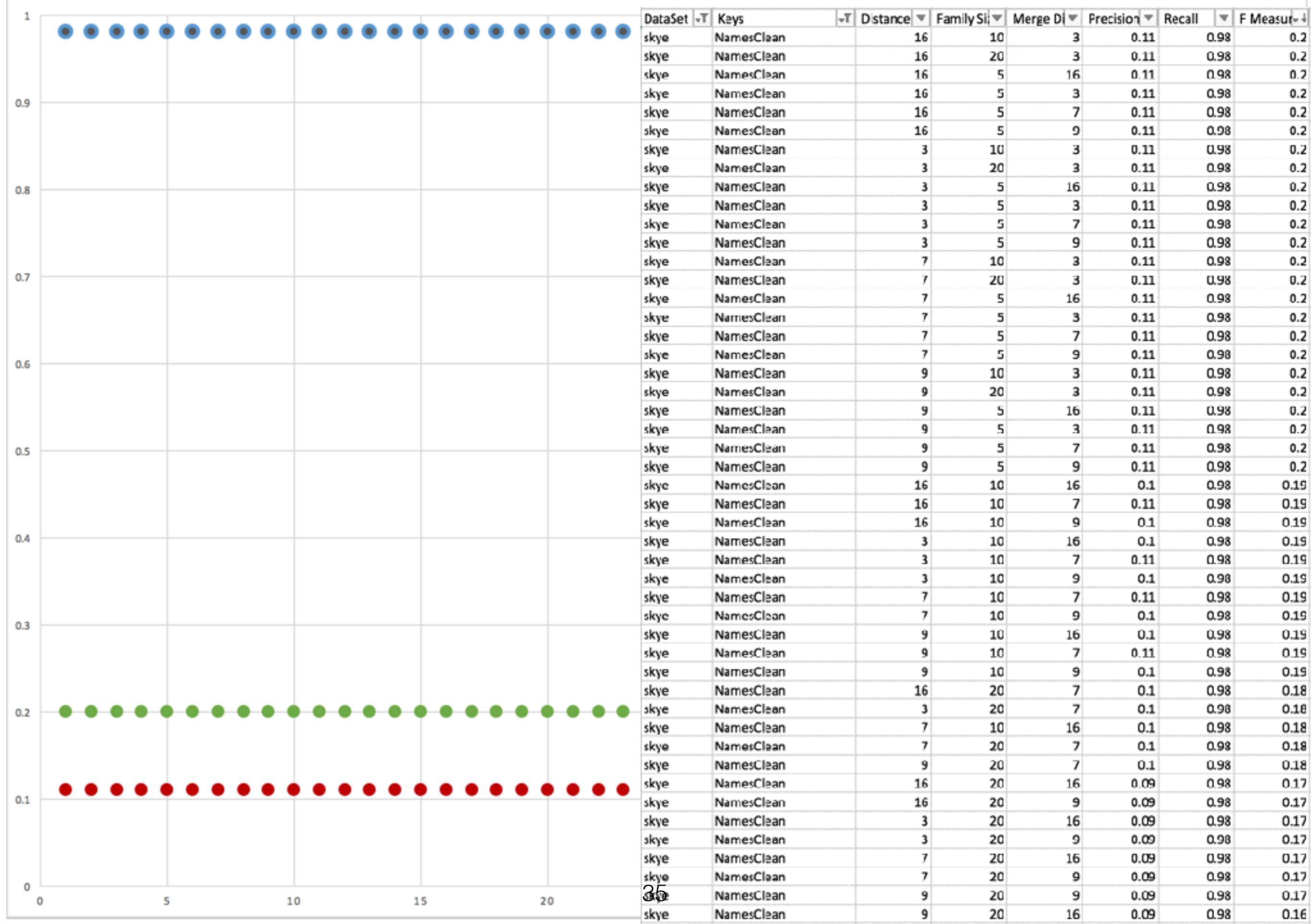
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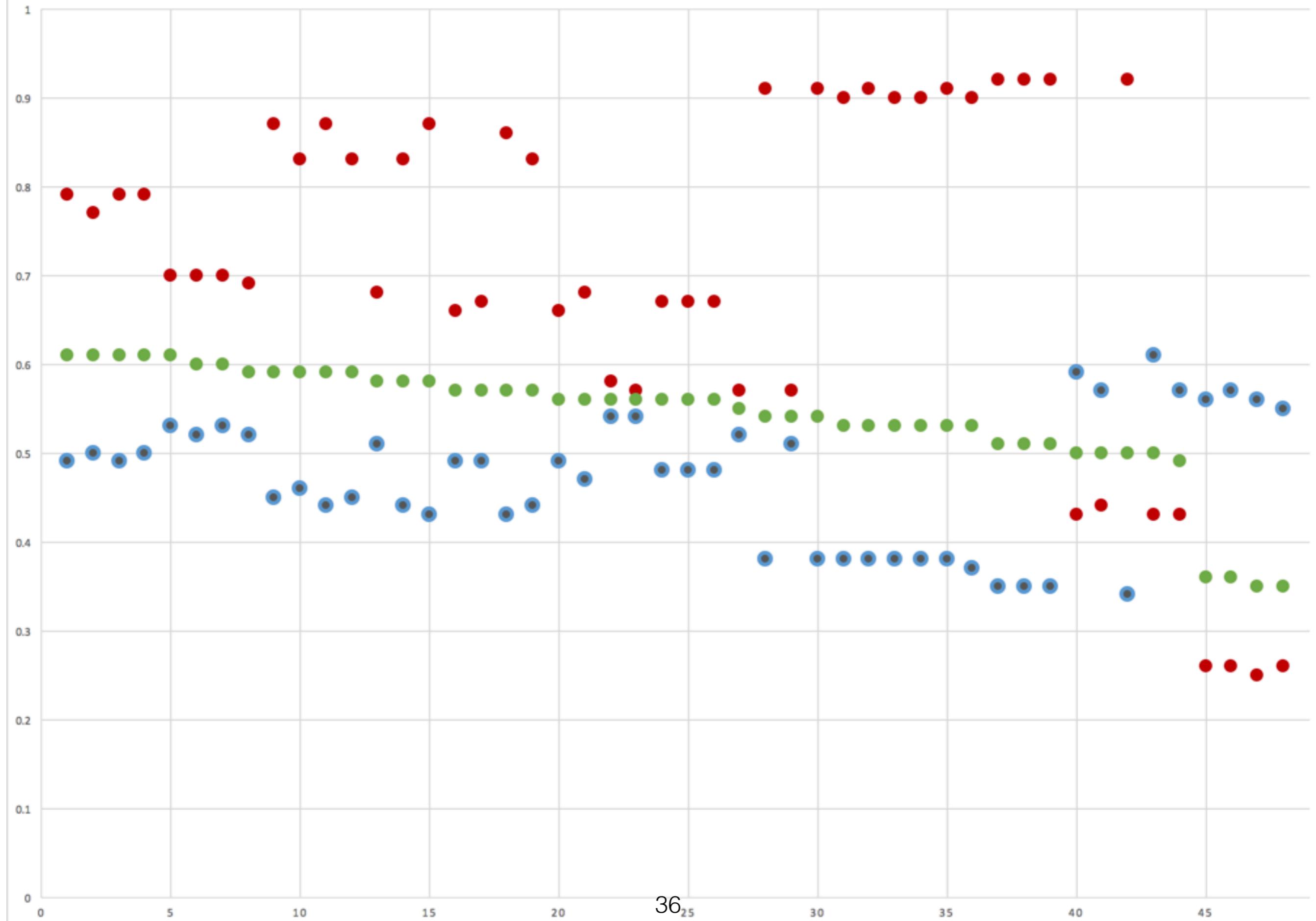
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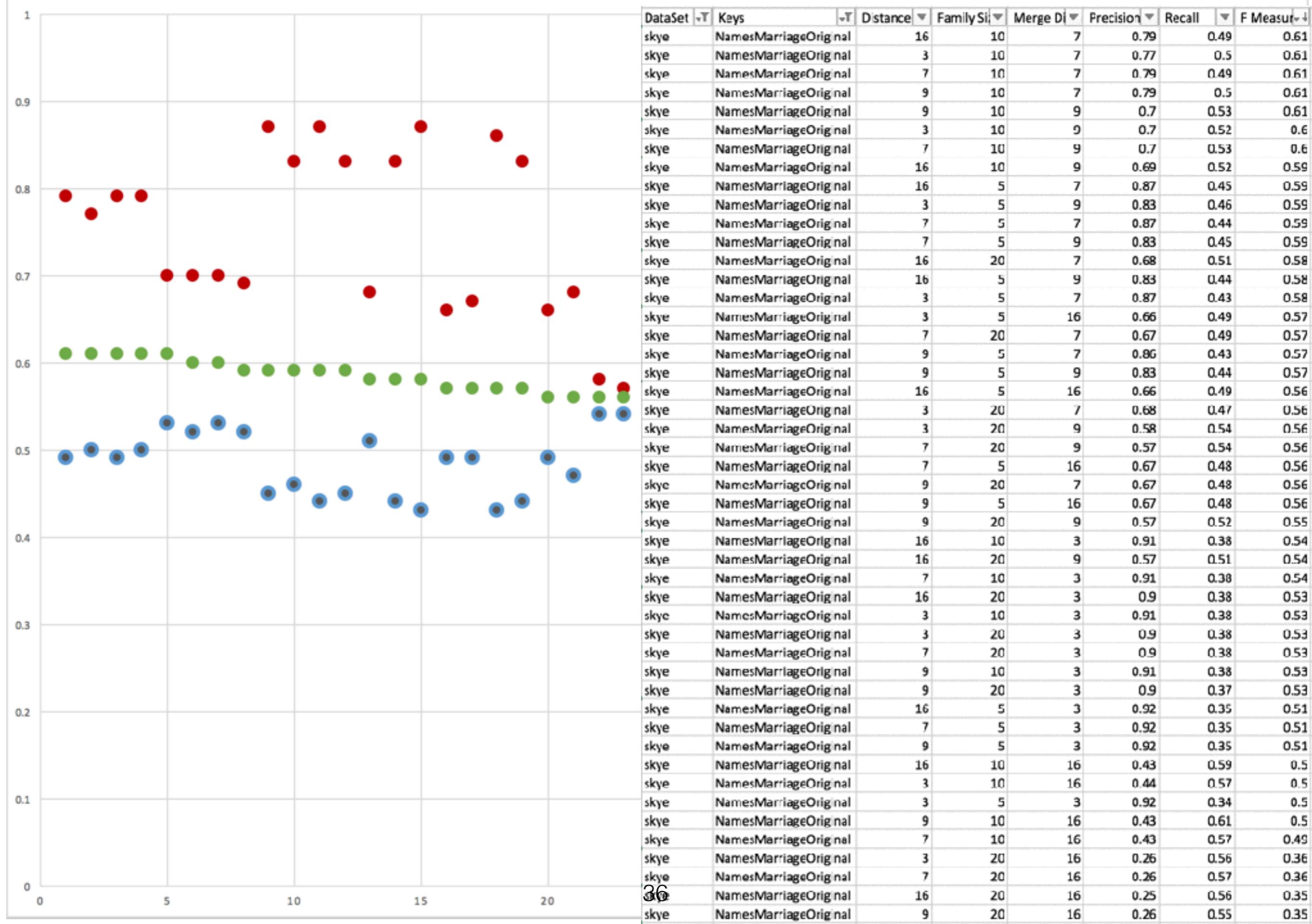
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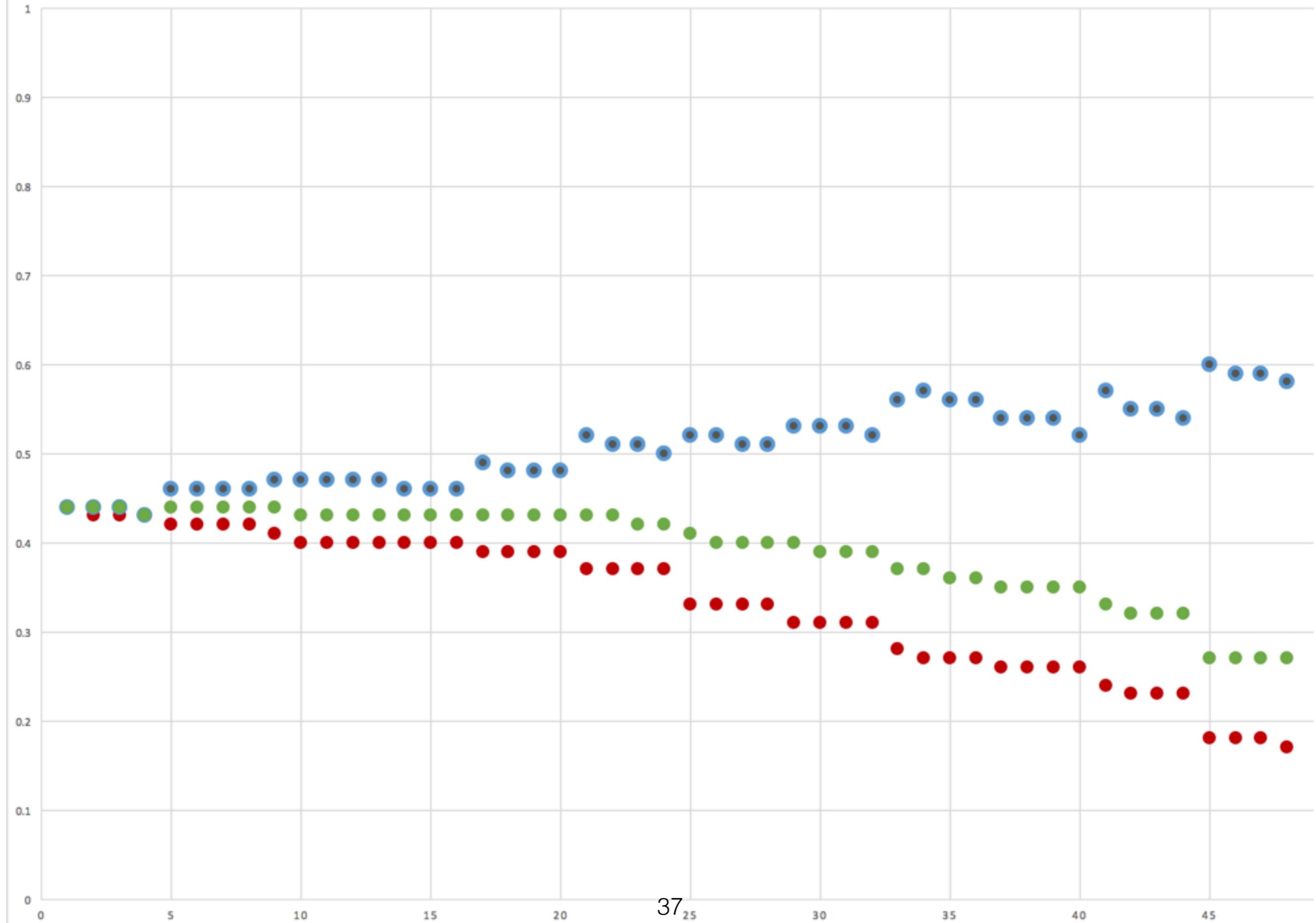
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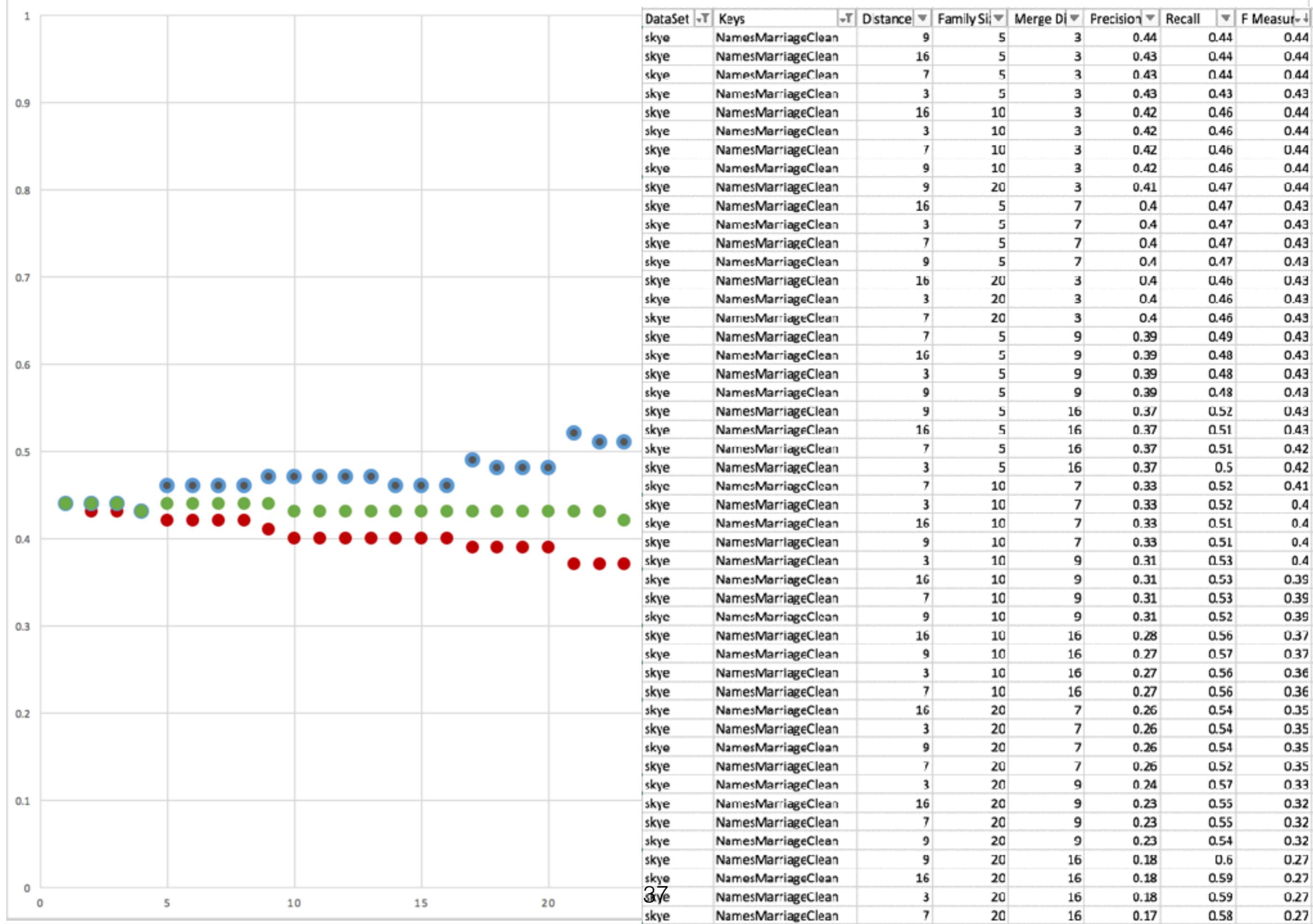
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Discussion

- We are exploring
 - CFU-based linkage
 - The M-Tree data structure
- Some preliminary results
- Soon to be extended to end-to-end linkage

Request for Comments

- This work is exploratory
- Different approaches: CFUs & M-Tree
- Alternatives to F-measure? AUC?
- What values should we expect for precision/recall?
- "Golden linked data" may not be golden
- Other string distance measures. Dates?
- Commonality of names (discriminatory power)
- Scalability